

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:53  
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FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMME  
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether doctors in Government hospitals are losing interest in the family planning programmes;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to stabilize the population;
- (d) the year by which such stabilization is likely to be achieved; and
- (e) the incentives or disincentives proposed to be offered/effectuated for checking population explosion?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

a) No, Sir

b) The question does not arise.

c) With a view to stabilising the population of the country, the Government has announced National Population Policy, 2000. A National Population Commission has been set up under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of various States as Members besides Central Ministers, reputed demographer, NGOs and others.

A Technology Mission will be set up in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to Monitor speedy implementation of an action plan, particularly in those States and districts which remain deficient in the delivery of services.

The Population Policy provides for :

- (i) An integrated and holistic programme of Reproductive and Child Health, that includes Maternal Health Child Health and Contraception issues, was launched in October, 1997.
- (ii) Information, Education and Communication Programme to create awareness about the benefits of small family.
- (iii) Assistance to State/UT to maintain family welfare infrastructure.
- (iv) Assistance to Voluntary organisations and NGOs for creating awareness about schemes under family welfare programme.

d) The Population Policy envisages population stabilisation by 2045.

e) The National Population Policy 2000 envisages a number of promotional and motivational measures to bring about reductions in maternal mortality, infant mortality and to increase coverage and outreach of contraceptive services. Several community incentives are contemplated:

- reward to Panchayats and Zila Parishads
- continuation of the Balika Samridhi Yojana
- Maternity Benefit Scheme
- Health Insurance Plan.

